

September 15, 1998

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 23, 1998

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room (see enclosed map)

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 300

Please park in the garage under the Norwest Bank Building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a progressive dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG offices on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
September 23, 1998**

**COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED**

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| <p>1.    <u>Call to Order</u></p>   |  |
| <p>2.    <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>  |  |
| <p>3.    <u>Approval of July 22, 1998 Meeting Minutes</u></p>   | <p>3.    Review and approve July 22, 1998 meeting minutes.</p>               |
| <p>4.    <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit.</p> | <p>4.    For information.</p>  |
| <p>5.    <u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.</p>  | <p>5.    For information and discussion.</p>                                 |
| <p>6.    <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.</p>   | <p>6.    For information, discussion and approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |

## \* ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT

## TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

\*7A. Approval of FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year, MAG develops a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that lists all required transportation related projects in the MAG Region for the next five years. The MAG Regional Council approved the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP in March 1998, for the purpose of conducting an air quality conformity analysis. This analysis is now complete, and on September 15, 1998, a public hearing will be held as the culmination of a month long public review of the TIP, the Long Range Transportation Plan Update for 1997 (LRTP) and the Draft FY 1998 Addendum and the Conformity Analysis. The results of this public hearing will be included as part of the Public Involvement Plan. The TIP comprises 993 highway projects costing \$2.245 billion (\$390 million federal) and 270 transit projects costing \$679 million (\$409 million federal). A formal finding of conformity is required by the MAG Regional Council prior to approval of the TIP. Changes to the draft TIP approved in March have been reviewed by technical advisory committees and the Management Committee and have been included in the final edition. On September 9, 1998, the Management Committee recommended approval of the TIP, for a public hearing.

\*7B. Approval of MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update With 1998 Addendum

The 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments require that transportation plans be in conformance with the applicable air quality plans. In March 1998, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with 1998 Addendum. Items addressed in the addendum include: 1) priority changes to the ADOT Life Cycle Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways, 2) extending the time horizon to 2018, 3) incorporation of changes from the FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program, and 4) incorporating updates to the Long Range Street Plan as submitted by member agencies. The Management Committee recommended approval of the Plan Addendum for a public hearing. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7A. For information, discussion and approval of the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

7B. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with 1998 Addendum contingent upon a finding of conformity of the LRTP Addendum with the applicable state and federal air quality implementation plans.

\*8. Planning Requirements to Restripe I-10 Between 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 10 Lanes

The MAG Draft 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program includes projects to resurface I-10 between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and to add auxiliary lanes and to restripe I-10 to 10 lanes between 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Two lanes would remain as High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes. A Major Investment Study (MIS) Stakeholders meeting was held regarding this project on July 28, 1998. A number of issues were discussed including: safety of narrower lanes, future congestion of HOV lanes, potential value lanes, length of project, conformity requirements and traffic impacts of dropping a lane at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It was the consensus of the group that a MIS was not needed as restriping is not a major investment. The MAG Transportation Review Committee reviewed this decision and concurred. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*9. Amendment to 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program to Extend the Limits of the Design Concept Report on the Superstition Between I-10 and Gilbert Road to Power Road

The Regional Council has adopted High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the Superstition Freeway between I-10 and Gilbert Road as one of its highest priorities for ADOT discretionary funds. ADOT is in the process of preparing a Design Concept and Environmental Assessment for this facility. Public comments have requested that the limits of this study be extended to Power Road and include studying an additional Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) lane. ADOT is planning to modify its study process to include the request. In July, the Transportation Review Committee recommended that MAG work with ADOT to meet the federal Major Investment Study (MIS) requirements in the study process. With the enactment of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the MIS requirement was eliminated, but regulations are being developed to incorporate MIS tasks into required planning and environmental procedures. We have been informed by the Federal Highway Administration that the federal requirements could include revisiting the MIS for the Superstition corridor or expanding options in the environmental process. A stakeholders meeting will be scheduled to facilitate this process and proceed with the federal options or a combination of the options available. Results of the study would be forwarded

8. For information and discussion.

9. For information, discussion and approval to amend the 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to extend the study limits of the Design Concept Report on the Superstition Freeway to be from I-10 to Power Road and to provide an additional \$450,000 in state funds for this extended study. Also, for the stakeholders for the study to consider Single Occupancy Vehicle lanes for the portion of the corridor east of the Price Road Interchange. Also, the amendment is contingent upon the Air Quality Conformity Consultation process and that ADOT and MAG address the planning and environmental requirements for the corridor study process.

to the Regional Council to be considered for inclusion in a Draft Long Range Transportation Plan for a conformity analysis, as appropriate. The Management Committee recommended amending the 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to extend the study limits of the Design Concept Report from I-10 to Power Road, using \$450,000 in state funds for the extended study. In addition the Management Committee recommended that the stakeholders for the study consider Single Occupancy Vehicle lanes for the portion of the corridor east of the Price Road Interchange and that this amendment be contingent upon the Air Quality Conformity Consultation process and that ADOT and MAG address the planning and environmental requirements for the corridor study process. It was noted that the study is considered a minor amendment, and a public hearing is not required and as an exempt project, a conformity analysis is not required for the study. Documentation of the conformity consultation results will be provided at the Regional Council meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

#### GENERAL ITEMS

\*10. Acceptance of U.S. Department of Energy State Energy Program Special Project Funds and U.S. Department of Energy Community Based Environmental Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative Funds

The Maricopa Association of Governments has been notified by the Arizona Dept. of Commerce Energy Office that it has been awarded approximately \$92,000 through a State Energy Program Special Projects grant. The grant was provided to MAG to implement the Clean Cities Program Plan adopted by the Regional Council in 1996. A specific work program to implement the Clean Cities Program will be developed by the Maricopa Association of Governments and the State Energy Office based on input solicited from the Clean Cities Executive Stakeholder Committee. The Executive Stakeholder Committee consists of member agencies and other alternative fuel stakeholders. The grant application was submitted for the Clean Cities program by the AZ Dept. of Commerce Energy Office.

Also, we have been notified by the Environmental Protection Agency that we have been awarded a \$50,000 Community Based Environmental Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative grant.

10. For information, discussion and acceptance of the Clean Cities grant for approximately \$92,000 and to accept the Environmental Protection Agency Community Based Environmental Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative Grant for \$50,000.

The purpose of the grant is to support the development of four subcommittee reports that will be developed through Valley Vision 2025. The Four subcommittee reports that will be funded through this grant are Natural Features, Urban Features, Transportation, and Public Utilities. The grant application was submitted for the Maricopa Association of Governments Valley Vision 2025 effort. The Management Committee recommended acceptance of the Clean Cities and Community Based Environmental Protection/Regional Geographic Initiative grants. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*11. MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Villages at Desert Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility

Maricopa County has requested that MAG amend the 208 Water Quality Management Plan to include the proposed wastewater treatment facility for the Villages at Desert Hills development. The amendment process is designed to allow new wastewater treatment facilities to be included as part of the 208 Plan. The capacity for the proposed Villages at Desert Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility is 4.5 million gallons per day. The effluent will be reused on site and/or be recharged through shallow trenches. Two jurisdictions are within three miles of the wastewater treatment facility. The Town of Cave Creek has indicated that it does not object to the proposed facility. On September 8, 1998, the Water Quality Advisory Committee conducted a public hearing on the amendment. During the public hearing, the City of Phoenix submitted a letter recommending that the 208 amendment reflect the current reasonable expectation of Phoenix, Del Webb, and Citizens that sewer service to the 906 acres located in Phoenix will be served by Phoenix. Following consideration of the public comments, the Committee recommended approval of the amendment with the provision requested by the City of Phoenix. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation. Please refer to the enclosed material.

11. For information, discussion and approval of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan Amendment for the Villages at Desert Hills Wastewater Treatment Facility, reflecting the current reasonable expectation of Phoenix, Del Webb, and Citizens that sewer service to the 906 acres located in Phoenix will be served by Phoenix.

## ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

## VALLEY VISION 2025 UPDATE

12. Valley Vision 2025 Update

An update on the activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Committee will be provided to the members of the Regional Council.

12. For information and discussion.

## TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

13. FY 1998 MAG Final Phase Input Opportunity Report

The Draft MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: 1998 Addendum (LRTP) and the FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) were accepted by the Regional Council in March of 1998 for the purpose of conducting a conformity analysis. With the completion of the 1998 Conformity Analysis in August, the final phase of the MAG FY 1998 Public Involvement Process was conducted. The LRTP, TIP, and Conformity Analysis were made available for a 30 day public comment period on August 14, 1998. The final phase meeting was held on September 15, 1998. The meeting was comprised of an informational open house, followed by a public hearing held before representatives from the MAG Transportation Review Committee, Air Quality Policy Committees and Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. This meeting provided an opportunity for review and final comment on the LRTP, TIP, and Conformity Analysis. A report will be provided on the comments received at the public hearing. Please refer to the enclosed material.

13. For information, discussion and acceptance of the FY 1998 Final Phase Input Public Opportunity Report.

14. Requested Changes to the MAG Freeway Program

The City of Mesa and the Williams Gateway Airport Authority have requested that an interchange be added to the Santan Freeway to service the Williams Gateway Airport at Hawes Road. The Base, now includes a branch campus for Arizona State University and is planned as a regional reliever airport. The estimated cost for the interchange is \$7.5 million.

The City of Phoenix is requesting that an interchange be added on the Pima Freeway at 56th Street. In 1988, ADOT agreed to acquire the necessary right-of-way and to design an interchange at 56th Street, but delayed constructing the

14. For information, discussion and approval of the following: 1) to add the Hawes Road Interchange on the Santan Freeway to the MAG Freeway Program at a cost of \$7.5 million; 2) to add the 56th Street Interchange on the Pima Road Freeway for a cost of \$3.6 million to the MAG Freeway Program; and 3) to transfer the project to design and construct FMS at 101/Red Mountain Interchange to 101 between U.S. 60 and Guadalupe Road for \$2.01 million, contingent upon the required air quality conformity actions being completed.

interchange until it was warranted by traffic demand. A recent traffic study indicates that the Tatum Boulevard and Scottsdale Road Interchanges will not be adequate to handle the traffic demand. The estimated cost of the 56th Street Interchange is \$3.6 million.

The Arizona Department of Transportation is requesting that the funding for a Freeway Management System project be transferred from a segment of the Red Mountain Traffic Interchange to the Price, U.S. 60 -Guadalupe Road section of the Price Freeway. Following a review by staff, the Transportation Review Committee and the Management Committee are recommending that the FMS project be transferred. Please refer to the enclosed material.

15. Transportation Funding Update

In July, the Regional Council received a report regarding the increased funding available to Arizona resulting from the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). It was reported that Arizona would receive approximately 57 percent increase in funding. A large portion of this increase resulted from a national emphasis to provide additional funds to States who are donor states. The Regional Council directed that MAG work with the Arizona Department of Transportation to ensure that suballocations of increased federal funds to the region are equitable and that the "donor/donee" fair share concept be applied to this metropolitan area. A series of meetings have been held with representatives from ADOT regarding a "fair share" of State and federal funding for this region. A report will be provided to the members of the Regional Council.

15. For information and discussion.

AIR QUALITY ITEM

16. Finding of Conformity for the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with 1998 Addendum

On March 25, 1997, the Regional Council authorized a conformity analysis to be prepared for the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as well as the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum. The draft findings, indicate that the TIP and Long Range Transportation Plan meet the federal conformity requirements. Approval of the conformity findings by the Regional Council is

16. For information, discussion and approval of the Conformity Finding for the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Long Range Transportation Plan Summary and 1997 Update with 1998 Addendum.



required for MAG adoption of the TIP and Transportation Plan. The Management Committee recommended approval of the finding for a public hearing to be conducted on September 15, 1998. The Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the conformity analysis on September 10, 1998. This recommendation will be considered by the Air Quality Policy Committee on September 17, 1998. Please refer to the enclosed material.